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ACTION

Acknowledgements

1. This action is responsive to Applicants' Appeal Brief received 24 July 2009.
2. This action has been assigned paper number 20091123 for reference purposes only.
3. As stated in section III of the above noted Appeal Brief, claims 6 and 17 have been cancelled.
4. Accordingly, claims 6 and 17 are not pending, rejected, or appealed.
5. Any reference to these claims in either the above noted Appeal Brief or the Examiner's Answer mailed 27 October 2009 is considered to be a typographical mistake. For example, in the Appeal Brief, section VI (1) claims 1-11 are cited as being rejected under 35 USC § 112 second paragraph. As claim 6 has been cancelled, this should read "claims 1-5 and 7-11."
6. As the inclusion of claims 6 and 17 are believed to be typographical mistakes, no further action is required unless Applicants disagree with this assertion.
7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JOSHUA MURDOUGH whose telephone number is (571)270-3270. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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